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Title: Method and apparatus for sub-

network devices without direct)
layer-2 communication and coupled to a common

forwarding agent interface to communicate through layer-3

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RESPONSE

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant:

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2004, having a response due by February 2, 2005. Enclosed is a Petition for a two-month extension of time. Thus, this Amendment is timely filed. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.